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Westside Salmon Announcement 29 Emergency Order 33

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding commercial fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside salmon announcement number 29 issued Tuesday, July 9 at 12:00 p.m.

As previously announced, the area within 6 statute miles of 58°43.82' N lat., 158° 52.77' W. long., is closed to all commercial fishing. Set gillnet fishing in the Igushik Section also remains closed. The starboard vents have not been plugged on the Lone Star and the department observed fuel leaking from the vessel on July 8. Until the vents are plugged and no fuel is present, the area will remain closed.

All rivers in the Nushagak District have achieved their mid-range escapement goals. Effective immediately, the 48 hour transfer period into the Nushagak District and between set gillnet stat areas within the Nushagak District is waived. Permit holders are reminded that they still need to file the transfer paperwork prior to fishing; only the 48 hour wait period is waived.

Harvest yesterday was 67,000 sockeye salmon, bringing the cumulative harvest to 3.03 million.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.